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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 JASPAL SINGH GILL,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 DONALD R. HOLBROOK,

13 Respondent.

Case No. C20-318-RSL-MLP

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
STAY AND ABEY

14 This is a 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas action. Currently before the Court is Petitioner's
15 motion to stay and abey this action pending exhaustion of his state-court remedies. (Dkt. # 3.)
16 Respondent does not object to the request. (Dkt. # 6.) Having considered the parties' submissions
17 and the balance of the record, the Court ORDERS:

18 (1) For the reasons explained in the parties' briefing, Petitioner satisfies the
19 requirements for a stay pursuant to *Rhines v. Weber*, 544 U.S. 269 (2005). Accordingly,
20 Petitioner's motion to stay (dkt. # 3) is GRANTED and this action is STAYED pending
21 exhaustion of his state-court remedies.
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1 (2) The parties are directed to notify the Court within two weeks after final resolution
2 of Petitioner's state post-conviction proceedings. At that time, the Court will lift the stay on the
3 instant habeas action and set a briefing schedule on the merits of the petition.

4 (3) The parties are directed to report to this Court every 180 days on the status of
5 Petitioner's state post-conviction proceedings.

6 (4) The Clerk is directed to statistically close this case and send copies of this order to
7 the parties and to the Honorable Robert S. Lasnik.

8 Dated this 24th day of March, 2020.

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10 MICHELLE L. PETERSON
11 United States Magistrate Judge
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